

FINANCE & UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 5:00 PM

The Committee meeting was convened at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Nathan Brown. Those present included: Mayor Nathan Brown, Council Members John Dayton and Vaughn Ripley, Commission Members Tom Smith, Syree Williams and Brian Keller, and staff members Dave Dunn, Carrie Myers, John Gerstner, Jeremy Mose, Kevin Grunwell, Bruce Dell, and Rikki Bruchey.

Schneider Electric WWTP Presentation

Representatives from Schneider Electric presented options for a comprehensive overhaul of many waste water systems and equipment which would increase the overall capacity of the plant for present and future growth. Mr. Dunn stated that Schneider Electric is part of a cooperative purchasing group that would allow the City to piggyback on already-established contract pricing, thus doing away with the need to bid the projects. This project will continue to be discussed.

ServLine Leak Detection Program Presentation

ServLine presented about their available programs for homeowner insurance for utility protection coverage for water leaks, indoor plumbing, etc. They discussed options for pricing, opting in or out of the program, etc. Mayor Brown stated if the City went with such a program, it would replace the City's current leak forgiveness policy. The Commission consented to a future discussion with the Council.

Bond Money Spending

Mr. Dunn discussed the current status of the bond money projects to date. He stated that the I&I project would probably come in under the original budget, therefore staff would like to utilize the remaining money to have the contractor concentrate on repairing the City's portion of sewer laterals.

American Recovery Act (ARPA) Funding

Mayor Brown discussed the current status of the ARPA funding, half of which has already been received by the City. General project areas were discussed with favorable consensus on concentrating on relining Yourtee Springs lines under the railroad tracks and route 340, assisting homeowners with repairing sewer laterals and water and sewer lines tied together for multiple homes, stormwater projects, and various economic development programs.

FY21 & FY22 HUR Funding

Mr. Dunn updated the Commission regarding project HUR funding for FY21 and 22.

FY2021 Year-End Finance Reports

Mr. Dunn discussed various expenses and revenue for the FY21 budget year. He stated while it looks like several accounts were overrun, that was done intentionally since the Council budgeted very conservatively in FY21 due to COVID unknowns. Once it was apparent that revenues were going to be higher than budgeted, staff was given the okay to complete various projects that put expenses over budget. The City still ended the year in the positive.

System Improvement Fee

Mayor Brown stated this ordinance was approved by the Council last night, allowing the ability to enact a specific fee, although the decision has been made not to enact a fee this year due to all of the ARPA money the City is receiving.

Trash Collection Schedule

Ms. Myers stated J&J Trash approached her with the desire to change trash collection in the City to just Mondays and Thursdays. The consensus was to continue to research this option and present to the Council at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.